

The Official Newsletter of The Steeplechase Community Improvement Association, Inc. and Steeplechase



## **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

| Emergency                                     | 911              |
|---|------------------|
| Sheriff's Dept (Non emergency)                | 21.6000 Option 6 |
| Cy-Fair Fire Dept                             | 911              |
| Cy-Fair Hospital                              | 281.890.4285     |
| Animal Control                                | 281.999.3191     |
| Center Point (Street light out)               | 713.207.2222     |
| http://cnp.centerpointenergy.com/outage       |                  |
| Library                                       | 281.890.2665     |
| Post Office                                   | 713.983.9682     |
| Architectural Control (CMC)                   | 281.586.1700     |
| Trash Pick-up (Best Trash, LLC) (Wed. & Sat.) | 281-313-BEST     |
| Harris Co. Pct. 4 Road Maintenance            | 281.353.8424     |
| Harris Co. MUD #168hcmud168                   | Bboard@gmail.com |
| Water/Sewer                                   | 832.467.1599     |
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## **STEEPLECHASE CONTACTS**

| Community Maintenance Concerns / Deed Restriction Issues / |              |  |
|--|--------------|--|
| Architectural Control / Safety                             |              |  |
| Chaparral Management Company                               | 281.586.1700 |  |
| Clubhouse Rentals  |              |  |
| Private Parties and Community Events                       |              |  |
| (Jinnie Kelley)  | 832.922.8030 |  |
| Pool Company/Private Pool Parties                          |              |  |
| Aquatic Management of Houston                              | 281.446.5003 |  |

#### **Email Contacts**

#### board@steeplechasecia.com

www.houston-pmg.com

(Simultaneously sends an unedited message to the Community Manager and each SCIA BOD member.)

#### pool@steeplechasecia.com

(Simultaneously sends an unedited message to the Community Manager, the Pool Management Company and each SCIA BOD member about pool issues, problems, concerns, suggestions etc...)

#### drv@steeplechasecia.com

(Simultaneously sends an unedited message to the Community Manager, the Community Inspector and each SCIA BOD member about deed restriction violations or issues.)

#### safety@steeplechasecia.com

(Simultaneously sends an unedited message to the Community Manager, the Safety Coordinator and select SCIA BOD members.)

#### **SCHOOLS**

| Emmott Elementary      | 281.897.4500 |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Campbell Middle School |              |
| Cy-Ridge High School   |              |

**Contact The Management Company** www.steeplechasecia.com or by phone 281.586.1700

## **2020 SCIA BOD Meeting Schedule**

The SCIA BOD meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month for January through November. (There is no BOD meeting in December.) These meetings are open to all residents and the BOD encourages participation at these meetings.

> January 21 February 18

March 7 (BOD Discussion Meeting with Residents; Topic to be announced in due course)

March 17

April 18 (Special Saturday BOD Meeting; Starts 10:00am) May 19

June 16 Annual Association Meeting; No Business Conducted July 21

August 18

September 15

October 20

November 17

## SCIA BOARD OF DIRECTORS' **MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL** STEEPLECHASE RESIDENTS

The monthly meetings are held at the Clubhouse on the third Tuesday of each month (not December) starting at 6:30pm. Each meeting is open to all residents and has allotted time for resident input and questions.

If you have questions, an issue to point out, etc., attend one of these meetings, sign up to speak and let your voice be heard.

The BOD looks forward to seeing every resident at one or more BOD meetings.

## **BOD DISCUSSION MEETING COURTS 5&6 AREA** REDEVELOPMENT

There will be a meeting on Saturday, March 7th in the PCC meeting area to discuss the planned redevelopment of the Courts 5 & 6 area and the area between these courts and Courts 3 & 4.

The meeting will start at 10:00 am and end at 11:30 am. The agenda is noted herein below.

- Redevelopments considered for the area (Ideas for the redevelopments were extracted from various resident surveys over the last few years)
  - Redevelopment project selection criteria
  - Proposed redevelopment & layout
  - Redevelopment cost & project timing
  - Contractor selected
  - Q & A

## **STEEPLECHASE**

## **HELLO 2020, GOODBYE 2019**

The SCIA BOD wishes you and your family a Very Happy & Prosperous New Year

What to watch for in the New Year.

- Upgrade of Saddlebough, Meadowchase and Roan parks funded by MUD 168
- Construction of another park, Churchill Park & Trail, on the greenbelt between Gold Cup and Churchill Way. Again this new park is funded by MUD 168. Design details are available
- Total repurposing the abandoned tennis courts 5 & 6 area to a
- A picnic/bbq/play area between tennis courts 3 & 4 and the new use to be developed in the courts 5 & 6 area
- Renovation, upgrade of specific aspects of the clubhouse; e.g. new flooring, installation of sound dampening material, etc.
- New landscaping around the perimeter of the clubhouse west parking lot, development of a flower bed around the flagpoles, the in-ground lighting and the LED Message Board.
- Addition of new landscaping features along specific sections of the greenbelt

## **EASY EMAIL CONTACT ADDRESSES**

#### Report a possible deed restriction violation

drv@steeplechasecia.com

Simultaneously send an email to the Chaparral Community Manager, the Chaparral Steeplechase Inspector and each SCIA BOD member

#### Concerned about a continuing safety issue, have a question about an event(s) in the community

safety@steeplechasecia.com

Simultaneously send an email to the Chaparral Community Manager, the SCIA Safety Coordinator, and select SCIA BOD

#### Report a dirty pool, smelly outdoor bathrooms, trash, inattentive lifeguards, etc.

pool@steeplechasecia.com

Simultaneously send an email to the Chaparral Community Manager, the Pool Management Company, and select SCIA BOD members

#### Questions about what the BOD is doing, what projects are planned, or other general topic not covered above

board@steeplechasecia.com

Simultaneously send an email to the Chaparral Community Manager and each SCIA BOD member

These email addresses are reprinted each month in the Steeplechase newsletter inside front cover page.

## **HOW DO I.....** RENT THE CLUBHOUSE

It's easy.

Call (832-922-8030) or email (jinnie101@gmail.com) Jinnie Kelly. She will check availability for the day/date that you are interested in, review the rental rate, the deposit required to reserve the requested day and the cancellation fee. She will provide a copy of the rental agreement that you must sign.

Jinnie also can discuss rental of the Pool Community Center (PCC), a venue available for smaller groups.

Please note the following.

- Rental of the Clubhouse or the Pool Community Center does not include access to, or use of the pools
- Residents must be current on their Association account in order

Also, she is available to meet you at the Clubhouse for a walk through. These are conducted on Wednesday nights at 6:30.

## **HOW DO I...... POSSIBLE DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS**

It's very simple to report or identify possible deed restriction violations.

Simply send an email to drv@steeplechasecia.com. The email will be sent to Valerie Overbeck, Chaparral Community Manager, the Chaparral Steeplechase Inspector and each SCIA BOD member.

The Inspector will check the possible violation during the next scheduled inspection trip.

If you prefer to talk to someone about the possible violation, contact Valerie Overbeck at 281-537-0957 Ext. 16.

### WHAT DOES THE ACC DO?

The ACC, Architectural Control Committee, reviews and approves, or recommends needed changes in plans for maintenance, improvement or renovation of properties within the Steeplechase Community.

The purpose in reviewing the property owner's plans is to ensure that the plans comply with Steeplechase deed restrictions. Examples of projects that the ACC must review include exterior painting (even if the same color), roofing, new/relocated/changed fencing (materials included), siding replacement, additions such as rooms/ garages/ etc., outbuilding structures, permanent backup power generator siting, and more.

If you are considering any exterior work and are unsure as to whether you need to submit an ACC application, contact Chaparral Management for help or come to a BOD meeting and sign up to

An ACC application is easy to complete and review with feedback is prompt.

cmc@chaparralmanagement.com 281-537-0957

# LANDLORD/TENTANT REMINDER

If you are the owner of Steeplechase property that is rented to others, please ensure that Chaparral Management has an alternate set of contact information so that Chaparral can make sure that you receive all communication about important Steeplechase events and issues. This alternate contact information should include a mailing address, telephone number, fax number, and email address together with the street address of the rental property.

Additionally, you have a responsibility as a landlord to get your tenants a copy of the Steeplechase rules and regulations, covenants and restrictions.

Furthermore, you need to ensure that your tenants abide by these governing documents while a tenant in your Steeplechase property.

If you have questions, please contact Chaparral Management. cmc@chaparralmanagement.com

Tel: 281-537-0957



#### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The SCIA BOD has created committees to develop recommendations in specific areas. There are four committees seeking volunteers: 1) Social, 2) Facilities, 3) Landscaping, and 4) Capital Projects.

If you have an interest, or if you would like to further discuss what volunteering for a committee entails, come to the monthly BOD meeting, send an email to board@steeplechasecia.com, or contact Chaparral Management at cmc@chaparralmanagement. com or call 281-527-0957.

# STREETLIGHT NOT WORKING PROPERLY? REPORT IT.

If you notice a streetlight is out, going on and off or flickering, report it. Make a note of the pole number. Go to www. centerpointelectric.com and fill out a streetlight repair request. Street lighting helps improve security.

## BASHANS PAINTING & HOME REPAIR

- Interior & Exterior Painting
- HardiPlank Insulation
- Sheetrock Repair
- Cabinet Painting
- Pressure Washing
- Fence Replacement
- Custom Staining
- Custom Texturing

- Wood Replacement
- Interior Carpentry
- Sheet Rock Insulation
- Interior & Exterior Door Replacements
- Stucco Repair
- Wallpaper Removal
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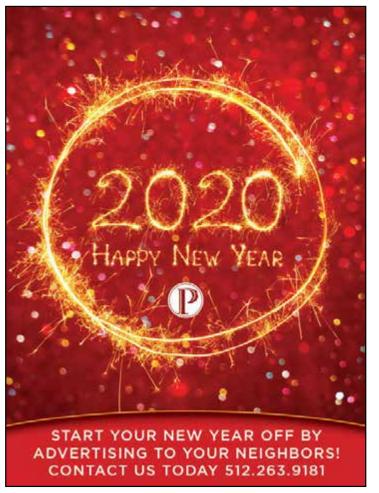
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#### **RECYCLE HINTS**

Does your recycle tub run over each week? If so, here are some handy hints.

- 1. Remove the cap from plastic water bottles and collapse the bottle with your hand, then replace the cap and place in tub.
- 2. For larger plastic containers such as milk, juice, etc., step on the containers to collapse them.
- 3. Soft drink and other beverage cans can be collapsed by stepping on them with a little force.
- 4. And do not forget boxes of any size, collapse them as they take up a lot of room. You can even use collapsed boxes as "side boards" for your tub by placing them as an inner liner in the recycle tub, thereby increasing the capacity of your recycle tub.

#### THANKS FOR RECYCLING



#### Let Trends Guide Your 2020 Travel

(Family Features) While there's plenty to be said for taking the proverbial road less traveled, fellow tourists can provide a wealth of knowledge to help shape a vacation filled with lifelong memories.

Whether you expect your travel plans for 2020 to take you near or far, having a pulse on how and where others enjoy spending their travel time may help narrow down your options. Start planning your next getaway armed with the findings of a trend report compiled by vacation rental app and website Vrbo, especially when it comes to selecting a destination and your accommodations.

<u>Unique Accommodations</u>

Traditional vacation home favorites like beach houses, cabins and condos still reign supreme, but adventurous American travelers are staying in some unusual options. In fact, 71% of millennial travelers said they would consider staying at a non-traditional vacation rental.

In addition to barns, castles and treehouses, properties on wheels and properties that float join the ranks of unusual accommodations travelers are booking. Travel demand for houseboats, yachts, RVs and travel trailers is up 30% year-over-year.

Portugal's reputation for affordability, primo surfing and sunshinefilled climate make the country a desirable place to explore. That may explain why seaside locales in Portugal took three of the top five spots on the list of hottest international beach destinations for American travelers. Chania, Greece, took the top spot, followed by three Portuguese destinations: Vila Nova de Gaia, Porto and Lisbon. Catania, Italy, rounded out the top five.

For those seeking to stay stateside, four of Vrbo's top five United States destinations this year are beaches, including: Gulf Shores, Alabama; Miramar and Rosemary Beach, Florida; Panama City Beach, Florida; and Maui, Hawaii.

Same-City Stays

Rental demand data in Chicago, Philadelphia, Dallas, Atlanta and a number of other urban destinations showed the single largest traveler origin market for each city was that same city.

Cele-cations,' when people seek accommodations to host and spend time with groups of family and friends for milestone events like weddings, birthdays and anniversaries, may be fueling the trend of people booking vacation homes in the same cities where they live," said Melanie Fish, Vrbo travel expert.

Also high on the trend list: short-stay, drivable destinations located within 300 miles of home.

**Up-and-Coming Destinations** 

Their names may not be familiar to the masses, but each of the top emerging domestic vacation destinations shares one thing in common: outdoor appeal. Places that appeal to families and other groups of travelers looking to explore the great outdoors are seeing a major surge over the past three years.

If an outdoor getaway is your ideal trip, consider destinations like Terlingua, Texas, located just a short distance from Big Bend National Park; Bella Vista, Arkansas, situated in the Ozarks near majestic lakes; Westport, Washington, surrounded by a bay to the east and the Pacific Ocean to the west; Cherry Log, Georgia, which sits in the heart of Chattahoochee National Forest; and Edisto Island, South Carolina, a charming beachside retreat 1 hour from Charleston.

This is the third year in a row travelers' desire to be outdoors has filled the up-and-coming

destinations list," Fish said. "Clearly, people want the comforts of a home away from home while soaking in scenery."

Find the trends and accommodations that match your 2020 travel dreams at vrbo.com.

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# Top Tips to Get Ready to Run



(Family Features) You've made the decision to get in shape, and whether your goal is a full marathon or simply a few laps around the neighborhood, there are a few steps to consider taking before you strap on those shoes and head toward the finish line.

Here are a few tips to help get you ready for the big race:

Seek Quality Sneakers - Feet come in a variety of widths and sizes, so visit a specialty running store to find perfect-fitting sneakers. These may come with a hefty price tag, but there are no shortcuts for comfort and support while running long distances.

Make a Schedule - Try to aim for at least 10 hours of training per week, including three days where you run and two or three days of other physical activity such as cycling or strength training. To avoid exhaustion, be sure to include at least 1-2 "rest" days per week.

Stick with Water - Avoid sports drinks that are loaded with preservatives and sugars. You can't go wrong with the hydrating power of water. As a rule, try to consume at least 6-8 ounces of water for every 20 minutes you run. Proper hydration after the run is also vital.

Go Online - Many websites have training guides for various skill levels or different types of races. If you have a smartphone, look for apps that can take you through day-by-day workouts to get you marathon-ready.

Nutrition - Filling your body with the proper amount of fuel can help ensure finish-line success. Load up on quality carbohydrates, such as beans, peas, whole-wheat pastas, whole-grain cereals, apples, brown rice and root vegetables. Protein also plays an important role in a runner's nutrition, so fill up on lean meats, fish, eggs, low-fat dairy, peanut butter and soy protein sources, as well.

By following these general rules, you'll be able to focus on achieving your goal and enjoy the thrill of finishing the race. Find more tips for a healthier lifestyle at eLivingToday.com.

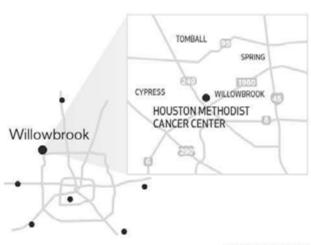
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Cheers to a Happy New Year, a Fond Farewell to the Old.

May You have a Prosperous

& Healthy New Year!

-SCIA BOD